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CLAIMS

1. Handle of a screwdriver having a storage chamber for screwdriver bits or the like, the storage chamber being displaceable from a closed position into an open position by axial displacement of two handle parts (1, 2) with respect to one another, one handle part (1) having a core (4), which is disposed in a cavity (3) in the other handle part (2), and the two handle parts (1, 2) being held in the closed position of the storage chamber (6) by latching means (5, 7), characterized in that the latching means (5, 7) can be moved out of their latching position by pressure on an actuating zone (8) associated with the end side of the handle (2).

2. Handle according to Claim 1 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the actuating zone (8) is formed by a push-button fitted in a cutout (26) in the end side of the handle (2).

3. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the push-button (18) is displaceable into the pot-shaped cutout (26) counter to the force of a restoring spring (27).

4. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that in the event of pressure on the push-button (8), the latching position is only eliminated when the end face of the push-button (8) is located below the opening edge (28) of the cutout (26).

5. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the latching means (5) is a pivotable spring tongue which has a latching projection

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(9) at its free end and interacts with a latching step (7).

6. Handle to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the spring tongue (5) is formed integrally with the material of the core (4).

7. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the spring tongue (5) is formed by an end portion of the core (4).

8. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized by a plurality of latching means (5) located diametrically opposite one another.

9. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized by an actuating cam (29) which is formed by the push-button (8) and acts on the spring tongue (5) in order to cancel the latching position.

10. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the actuating cam (29) acts in the axial direction on a control slope (30) of the spring tongue (5), which likewise extends in the axial direction.

11. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the two handle parts (1, 2) are displaced from the closed position the open position by the force of a prestressed spring (16) following pressure on the actuating zone (8).

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12. Handle of a screwdriver having a storage chamber for screwdriver bits or the like, the storage chamber being openable by axial displacement of two handle parts (1, 2) with respect to one another, one handle part (1) having a core (4) which is disposed in a cavity (3) in the other handle part (2) and has at least one latching means (5), which latching means (5), in the closed position of the storage chamber (6), interacts with a mating catch (7) of the handle part (2) that includes the cavity, characterized in that the latching means (5) leaves its latching position of its own accord as a result of the pressure on an actuating zone (8) of the handle part (1) which includes the mating catch (7).
13. Handle according to Claim 12 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the mating catch (7) is a latching step.
14. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the actuating zone (8) is associated with the handle part (2) which includes the cavity (3), and the latching means is a pivotable spring tongue which has a latching projection (9) at its free end and is formed integrally with the material of the core (4).
15. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the spring tongue (5) is formed by a wall portion (10) of a wall of a compartment for receiving a screwdriver bit (11).
16. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized by two latching means (5) located diametrically opposite one another.

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17. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the actuating zone is formed by a soft-plastic inlay (8) in the outer wall (13) of the handle part (2) that includes the cavity (3).
18. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized by an actuating arm (14) which is associated with the actuating zone (8) of the handle part (2) that includes the cavity (3) and which acts on the spring tongue by way of an actuating cam.
19. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the actuating arm (14) is formed by a U-shaped cut-free portion of a hard plastic sleeve which forms the handle part (2) that includes the cavity (3), and the actuating arm (14) is located beneath the soft plastic inlay (8).
20. Handle of a screwdriver having a storage chamber for screwdriver bits or the like, the storage chamber being openable by axial displacement of two handle parts (1, 2) with respect to one another, one handle part (1) having a core (4), which is disposed in a cavity (3) in the other handle part (2) and has at least one latching means (5), which latching means (5), in the closed position of the storage chamber (6), interacts with a mating catch (7) of the handle part (2) that includes the cavity, characterized in that the two handle parts (1, 2) are spring-loaded with respect to one another in such a manner that, after the latching has been cancelled, they are moved apart by a spring, in particular a compression spring (16), which is stressed in the closed position, by the stress in the compression spring (16) being relieved, until they

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reach an open position, preferably only a partially open position.

- 1 21. Handle according to Claim 20 or in particular
5 according thereto, characterized in that the compression spring is supported against the base (3') of the cavity (3) and against the end side of the core (4).
- 10 22. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the two handle parts (1, 2) are latched in the fully open position, with the actuating cam (15) of the actuating arm (14) located in front of
15 a latching cam (18) which can be overcome by the application of an axial force.
- 20 23. Handle according to one or more of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the handle part (1) which includes the core (4) receives a blade or an exchangeable shank, and in that the handle part (2) which includes the cavity (3) forms the handle cup (21).

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